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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person MARTINEZ ANTHONY L			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC [VECO]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First) (Middle) VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC. 100 SUNNYSIDE BOULEVARD, SUITE B			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/18/2004	Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Officer (give title below) Senior VP, Metrology				
(Street) WOODBURY NY 11797			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	10% Owner Other (specify below)				
(City)								
(Zip)								
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V			

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$25.59	03/17/2004		A	40,000	(1)	03/16/2011	Common Stock	40,000	\$25.59	40,000	D

Explanation of Responses:

1. The option becomes exercisable in 33 1/3% increments on the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date.

Gregory A. Robbins,
Attorney-in-fact

03/18/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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